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We suppose that in these democratic times it is inevitable that there should exist in the Crown Colonies some dissatisfaction with the representation of the communities on the Legislative Councils. In Hongkong, as in the other Crown Colonies, complaints have been voiced from time to time, but since the year 1896, when an additional representative was given to the Chinese community and two unofficial members were admitted to the Executive Council, the Colony has accepted the representation as being in the circumstances as satisfactory as it can perhaps be made. It would appear from what has recently been happening in the Crown Colony of Ceylon that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been looking into the question of representation in the Legislative Council in that Colony, and, contrary to the advice of the Governor of the Colony, the right honourable gentleman is trying to introduce changes there which have evoked strenuous opposition on the part of all sections of the European community. The question is one which has an interest for all the Eastern Crown Colonies, and that is our justification for referring to what is happening in Ceylon. So far as we know there is no present intention to order any changes in the constitution of any other Crown Colony, but as it is not more than eighteen months since the SECRETARY OF STATE declared that the Constitution of Ceylon appeared to give as much satisfaction as can reasonably be expected of any form of Government, it will be seen that the views of the

Colonial Office on the subject are not fixed and that our constitutions are not as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. In the short interval which has elapsed since the SECRETARY OF STATE publicly made the declaration to which we have alluded, the Ceylonese have petitioned for representation. Five or six memorials from various bodies, most of them putting forward a plea for the elective principle, have been forwarded to the Colonial Office through the Governor, but none came from the European community, whose views appear to have been strongly represented to the Colonial Office by the Governor. There are in Ceylon, Sir HENRY CURRIE pointed out, three distinct European communities—the mercantile, the planting, and the professional and resident European population. Each of these has interests of its own which claim and deserve separate representation. The Civil Servants on the Council hold no brief for planter or for merchant, as the GOVERNOR maintains they do for the natives, among whom the greater part of their lives have been spent, and the promotion of whose welfare is their daily occupation. Thus the three European communities are left to take care of their own interests, and this, the GOVERNOR says, they can only do if each of them is represented in the Council by at least one member. Were more than one member allowed to any of these communities, then, and then only, would it be possible, in his opinion, successfully to sustain the proposition that the European population is over-represented upon the Council. These three European communities have enjoyed separate representation on the Council since 1833, and now, to their great surprise, the SECRETARY OF STATE has told them that they are not deserving of more than two and that in future the representatives of the European community shall not only be reduced to two but be elected instead of being nominated by His Excellency the GOVERNOR as heretofore. The case against the disturbance of the constitution is very forcibly put in the following extract which we make from a dispatch by the GOVERNOR on the subject:—"I conceive that it is hardly necessary for me to emphasize to Your Lordship the importance of the interests which are in the hands of the European sections of the community, nor to dwell upon the part which European capacity, enterprise, and energy have played in the development of the resources of the Colony. Ceylon was the possessor of a long and eventful history, and its inhabitants had attained to a comparatively high standard of civilization before the beginning of the Christian era, but peace, prosperity, the development of resources, and the material and educational progress of its people date from a period subsequent to the British occupation. It is essential that the race whose sustained efforts have wrought in less than a century changes and improvements, which in all their long history the natives of Ceylon had unaided been unable to effect, should be, and should continue to be, ably and adequately represented upon the Legislative Council of this Colony." But the SECRETARY OF STATE will otherwise and proposes to give additional representation to the native community at the expense of the European. A suggestion was made by the GOVERNOR that additional representation of the native community should be accompanied by the appointment of an extra official to the Council, but this did not meet with the SECRETARY OF STATE's approval. Strong protests have been registered by the Chamber of Commerce, the Planters' Association and the general European community against the threatened changes in the Constitution, and the outcome will be awaited with interest not only in Ceylon but in all other Crown Colonies where similar conditions prevail.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR has been pleased to recognise Vice-Consul Markwald as being in charge of the German Consulate at Hongkong during the absence on leave of Dr. E. A. Vorlesch.

During the Easter vacation, which commences on Good Friday, the 25th instant, and terminates on Thursday, the 31st instant, the offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Bishop of Victoria asks us to say that he is now residing at St. Paul's College. Mrs. Lander and family left for England by the *Macedonia* on Saturday. She hopes to return to the Colony early in the autumn of the year.

The statue of Queen Victoria was subjected yesterday to unexpected cleansing operations. A water main close by was broken and the powerful stream of water which shot up was directed on to the statue.

Very fine prints of photographs taken at the stone-laying ceremony in connection with the University are to hand from A. Fong & Co., photographers. We have also received a beautifully mounted photograph of the same ceremony from A. Ling & Co.

Sir Felix and Lady Simon left Hongkong on Saturday by the P. M. steamer *Manchuria* for Japan.

Mr. W. D. Graham, formerly of Hongkong, passed through on the *Macedonia* bound from Shanghai to Bombay, whither, he has been telegraphically summoned owing to the death of the Bombay manager of his firm (Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark).

A course of addresses on "Some Scenes of Holy Week and their teaching for to-day" will be given in St. John's Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. during Holy Week, by the Bishop of Victoria, as follows:—To-day, "Jesus at Bethany—Devotion to Christ." Tuesday, "Jesus before the fig tree—Faith in God." Wednesday, "Jesus taught of the Greeks—Missions to the Heathen." Good Friday, "Jesus praying for Unity—The Reunion of Christendom."

On Saturday morning His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C., Commodore Lyon and Lieut. Blanchflower, the Commodore's private secretary, left by H. M. S. *Britannia* to pay a visit to the Governor of Macao. The visit was purely an official one, and His Excellency, after calling on Senhor Marques, returned to Hongkong the same evening. The gentleman who arrived by the *Sui An* on Friday, and who was mistaken for the Governor of Macao, was a member of the Fazenda, homeward bound to Portugal.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.

The annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps took place on Saturday afternoon. The members of the corps to the number of about 200 assembled at Headquarters, and preceded by the Buffs band, they marched to the Murray Parade Ground, where the two batteries of artillery, the infantry company and the engineer company were put through a number of movements by Lieut. Colonel Chapman, who was in command. Major-General Broadwood, the inspecting officer, was received with a general salute, after which he made a minute inspection of the arms and accoutrements. Then the companies marched past to the music played by the band, and were afterwards drawn up in column and addressed by His Excellency, who said:—Colonel Chapman, officers and men, H.K.V.C.—I have been very pleased throughout the past training with the work you have done towards making yourselves efficient as fighting men. I was particularly pleased at the keenness shown by those who were able to attend the camp in the New Territory, and I consider that camp a great advance from the point of view of practical soldiering on any previous camp. I have seen here, I am sorry to say, that the corps is far from being filled up to its establishment. I know that there are plenty of able-bodied men in the Colony who would come forward in an emergency to assist in the defence of the Empire, and I know that they think that if a man is a good shot and a good sportsman he is fit to take his place in the fighting line. I can assure you that this is a fallacy, and that an untrained man in the fighting line, no matter how good a shot he may be, is not only useless but a danger in modern war. I don't tell you this on my own authority alone, but also on that of a far greater soldier, Sir John French, who during his stay here was much impressed by the difficulty of the surrounding country, and said that here more than in other parts of the empire an untrained man would be useless in the fighting line. The Imperial idea is growing both at home and in the overseas colonies; that is, people are realising that the empire can only be kept together by every man making himself ready to take part in its defence, and that it cannot depend on the standing army only for its defence. If you can spread this idea in Hongkong, you will have done as much good as by your example in making yourselves fit. The Volunteers are returned to Mr. Squares, where they were dismissed.

THE ANNUAL EXODUS FROM HONGKONG.

The annual exodus may be said to have commenced on Saturday, when the big P. & O. liner *Macedonia* took away a large number of residents, the great majority on holiday, but a few left with no intention to return.

Among the latter we may mention Mr. H. E. Tomkins, head of the firm of Reiss & Co. Mr. Tomkins, who had been a resident of the Colony for the past nine years, is this year Chairman of the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and he is also a member of the Committee of the General Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Lander (wife of the Bishop of Victoria) and children were also passengers by the *Macedonia*.

Mr. G. E. Morrell, of the firm of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morrell, has gone home to recruit after a very severe illness in Borneo.

Among those who left by the Pacific Mail steamer *Manchuria* were Mr. E. G. Barrett (sub-manager of Messrs. Dodwell & Co.) and Mrs. Barrett, who are going home on holiday. Mr. A. Brer, of Messrs. Leigh & Orange, architect of the Hongkong University buildings, was also a passenger by this liner.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Zafiro* left Manila, on the 19th inst., and is due here to-day at 6 p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai on the 19th instant, and is expected here to-morrow.

The P. & O. str. *Sandwich* left Singapore for this port on the 18th instant, at 5.30 p.m., and is due here on the 23rd instant, at about 6 p.m.

The German str. *Bornio* left Sandakan on the 18th instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

The H.A. Line str. *Aloria* left Singapore on the 18th instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Hiogo Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 19th instant, and is expected here on the 23rd inst.

TELEGRAMS.

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BIG FIRE AT YOKOHAMA.

Tokyo, March 20th.
A fire occurred at Yokohama on Saturday morning which destroyed five hundred houses and rendered 3,000 persons homeless.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

Tokyo, March 20th.
Reports are persistently circulated that a new America-Japanese understanding has been arrived at, but these are officially denied "in toto."

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ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE TO BRITISH RULE.

London, March 19th.
Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, speaking at the Soudan Club, in Khartoum, paid a warm tribute to the work of the British officials in Africa. Any attempt, he said, to upset Great Britain's beneficent régime would be a crime against humanity.

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

London, March 19th.
The Grand National Steeplechase has resulted as follows:—

Jenkinson 1

Jerry 2

Odor 3

Twenty-five ran, and the betting was:—Jenkinson, 100 to 8; Jerry, 6 to 1; Odor, 100 to 1.

TURKEY'S NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

London, March 19th.
Turkey has placed orders for two battleships at Elswick and Barrow, and for a cruiser at Clydebank. The total contracts amount to five million sterling.

NEW ISSUE OF BRITISH EXCHEQUER BONDS.

London, March 19th.
Twenty-one million five-year 8 per cent. Exchequer bonds were issued to-day at 99 1/2.

THE FUSHIMIS IN PARIS.

London, March 19th.
M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, gave a luncheon to-day to Prince and Princess Fushimi. The Ministers of War and Agriculture were present.

REPUBLICAN REVOLT AGAINST PRESIDENT TAFT.

London, March 19th.
The long simmering revolt of a section of the Republicans against President Taft has broken out.

An all-night sitting of the House has been held to discuss a motion of the insurgents, supported by the Democrats, aiming at the weakening and ultimately the ousting of the all-powerful Speaker, Mr. Cannon.

The House sat for twenty-six hours and then adjourned.

BRITISH POLITICS.

MR. ASQUITH ON THE SITUATION.

London, March 19th.
Mr. Asquith speaking at Oxford, said the whole Budget was being pushed forward as speedily as possible. Referring to the House of Lords, the Premier said the House must be rebuilt on a democratic basis; the absolute veto on legislation must go and simultaneously Parliaments must be shortened.

PREPARING FOR AN ELECTION.

London, March 20th.

It is announced that the Liberal Whips are spending an exceedingly busy time in perfecting arrangements for an election contest in every constituency.

RUSSIA AND THE DALAI LAMA.

London, March 20th.

St. Petersburg newspapers announce that the Russian reply to the appeal of the Dalai Lama for aid in re-establishing his authority in Tibet will be in general terms.

It will allude to the Russian-British protest to Peking, but will not hold out any real hope to the Dalai Lama.

SUPREME COURT.

Saturday, March 19th.

IN BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. W. REES DAVIES (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

DISORDERING AN ORDER OF COURT.

Re Tsui Cheung Lel.

Mr. F. P. Hett, who appeared for debtor, said the last order made in this case was an order discharging debtor, but suspending the discharge for one year and a direction that debtor should report himself at the expiration of that term. Debtor was now before the Court.

In reply to Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Deputy Official Receiver), debtor said he had been doing nothing since the making of the order. His father's administrator had been supporting his (debtor's) wife, and he (debtor) had been dependent on friends and claimants. He had been receiving between \$30 and \$40 a month.

How do you manage to dress like you do on between \$30 and \$40 a month?—There is nothing stylish about this. These are old clothes.

You have admitted that three years prior to your bankruptcy you spent over \$13,000 on yourself?—Yes, I did.

And you have been able to reduce your expenditure from \$13,000 to \$360 a year?—That is so.

The Official Receiver said there were two grounds on which he should ask that the order be not made absolute. One was the debtor's conduct in bankruptcy. He failed to appear at the expiration of the year—December 4th—and it was now only after he had been written to that he appeared. The other ground was that possibly some property might be realised. Nothing had yet been paid and expenses even could not be covered.

His Lordship—Have any new facts come to your knowledge since the order was made?

The Official Receiver—No, my Lord. I summoned a meeting of creditors for Tuesday last, but none appeared. So they apparently are not interested in the matter.

His Lordship said debtor had given no excuse for not appearing before, and under these circumstances he thought the discharge should be suspended for a further period. He had directly neglected to obey the order of the Court.

Mr. Hett said debtor did not wish to do anything contrary to the orders of the Court. He simply forgot to appear and now came up without any pressure. He (Mr. Hett) submitted that the order discharging debtor and the suspension were absolute orders. The object of the suspension was to see if anything transpired after the order, so that if necessary criminal proceedings could be taken. Debtor believed he had a good claim on his late father's estate. He would like the Official Receiver to commence an action, and if successful all the creditors could be paid in full. The father was a very wealthy man in Hongkong and left a great deal of property. The debtor claimed that the will was a forgery. He and another brother were out of the property was divided up among deceased's concubines and other children to the exclusion of debtor. If debtor were discharged he would undoubtedly commence an action for his share in the property, and he would give an undertaking that if successful he would pay his creditors in full.

His Lordship—What are the liabilities?

The Official Receiver—Over \$70,000.

His Lordship—What has been paid?

The Official Receiver—Nothing at all.

Mr. Hett said he did not object to a further suspension if the Official Receiver would say he would commence an action.

The Official Receiver thought the Court ought not to grant a discharge in order to allow debtor to realise certain property. It was the trustee's duty to take any such action.

His Lordship suspended the discharge for a further period of six months.

A VICTIM OF TRADE DEPRESSION.

Re Sang Cheung Chan.

The Official Receiver stated that the failure was due to depression in trade. The total indebtedness was \$35,000, and a dividend of 86.10 per cent. had been paid. There was a fair prospect of some \$6,000 being recovered from the estate. Debtor had rendered every assistance and should be discharged.

The discharge order was granted and suspended for a year.

TRADE-MARK REGISTRATION IN JAPAN.

A member of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce has discovered from inspecting the Japanese Trade Marks Journal that a mark which he had only registered in Japan has been registered since, as to its essential features, by another firm. The directors of the Manchester Chamber are bringing the matter to the notice of the Board of Trade, with a request that the Board should suggest to the Japanese Government the desirability of taking a stricter line as to the rights of registered owners.

LOCAL SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

POLICE v. CHAIKINGOWER.

Played at Happy Valley on Saturday, this match ended in a win for the Police by 27 runs.

A feature of the game was the remarkably low scores made by both teams. Currie proved a useful bowler to the Chai Kingower eleven, taking no fewer than six wickets, while the only run-getters for the Police were King and Kerr, the former taking six and the latter four wickets. Scores and analyses follow:—

Police.

W. Pitt, c. Rose, b. Currie 8

J. Ogg, run out 1

W. N. Edwards, c. Norris, b. Battilana 1

T. H. King, b. Battilana 3

E. B. Hainfax, c. Rose, b. Currie 1

S. C. Langley, c. Hancock, b. Currie 12

W. Cooper, c. and b. Currie 1

S. Bell, c. and b. Currie 1

J. J. McCarthy, b. Hancock 12

J. G. Caruther, b. Currie 2

J. H. Kerr, not out 8

Extras 8

Total 69

Bowling Analysis.

P. Currie 13

R. Rose 11

S. Battilana 2

G. Hancock 14

CHAIKINGOWER.

R. Rose, c. Mollard, b. King 4

C. J. Higginbottom, c. Hainfax, b. Kerr 7

K. F. Lamont, b. King 1

A. Rose, c. Bell, b. King 1

J. D. Norris, b. King 1

S. Battilana, c. Pitt, b. Kerr 1

C. A. Hancock, c. Hainfax, b. King 4

S. Bell, c. and b. King 2

P. Currie, c. King, b. Kerr 8

H. Peterson, b. King 0

H. Kerr, not out 6

Extras 42

Total 142

Bowling Analysis.

T. King 9

J. H. Kerr 21

J. J. McCarthy 21

BUFFS v. KOWLOON.

This match was played at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a draw.

Scores:—

BUFFS.

Lionel Hart, c. Bour, b. Brown 7

Cpl. Hillier, b. Brown 34

Lt. Anderson, c. Chubb, b. Spargo 40

B. Miller, b. Chubb 16

Sgt. Kelly, c. Jeffries, b. Spargo 16

P. Sanderson, lbw, b. Chubb 20

Pie. Willis, not out 14

Pie. Hill, c. Robinson, b. Chubb 9

Pie. Hinchman, b. Chubb 4

Pie. Farrow, b. Chubb 14

L. Butler, not out 19

Extras 24

Total for 9 wickets 243

Bowling Analysis.

Wheeler 0

Brown 41

Chubb 20

Spargo 9

Sutton 12

KOWLOON.

F. Sutton, c. Hill, b. Kelly 29

J. H. Mead, not out 17

C. W. Jeffries, b. Kelly 2

W. Wheeler, c. Hill, b. Kelly 0

Major Chubb, b. Farrow 19

A. J. Robinson, lbw, b. Kelly 26

A. C. Brown, c. Anderson, b. Farrow 21

Lt. J. Mackenzie, not out 11

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Congratulations to the new knight! The secret was well kept and the announcement had a very fine stage effect. It took everybody by surprise, most of all the recipient, but the surprise was an agreeable one.

The knights of Hongkong can now say, "We are seven." Those who are entitled to the use of the honours are the Governor, the Admiral, the Chief Justice, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Henry Berkeley, Sir Paul Chater, and Sir Hornamjee Mody.

The University takes a more tangible form as the outcome of Wednesday's ceremony. It has passed from the abstract to the concrete, and the hazy notions which many people had on the subject have been dispelled by the illumination of that day giving place to definite and clear opinions. Such a result must be for the benefit of the undertaking.

Holidays every month for the past five months must give the griffin a favourable impression of Hongkong. November commenced with the King's Birthday, then came December with Christmas, January with the New Year, February with China New Year and the Races, and March with Easter.

The fine spring mornings with which we have been favoured lately makes one feel glad to be alive. In such an exhilarating atmosphere those bound for Home must experience a little feeling of regret that they are leaving for a place where the weather is so uncertain.

No one will begrudge His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard the holiday which he is to enter upon next month when he leaves for Home. He is without doubt one of the hardest working men in the Colony, and no better exponent of British thoroughness is to be found than in our general Governor. We will all wish him bon voyage and hope to see him return in the winter accompanied by Lady Lugard.

It was very obliging on the part of the Chinese litigants the other day to supply an instance of swearing on the cock's head at a time when interest in the subject has been aroused by the Oath Ordinance just passed. The ceremony is a very impressive one. The head of the rooster is cut off and the man making the declaration avers that if his statement be not true he is willing that his head should be cut off as was the cock's head. The oath is a very solemn one in the eye of Chinese, and I have been told that there were occasions when men set out to the temple for the purpose of being sworn on the cock's head, but withdrew at the last moment and admitted that they had been lying.

The American tourists have thronged our thoroughfares during the week and also provided us with some little food for gossip. One of the best stories told of the present lot relates to two American ladies travelling Peakwards. They were seated inside the car and one suddenly rose and walked towards two English ladies who were occupying seats in front. "Say," she addressed them, "I am a stranger in these parts. Will you tell me where you got that hat?" (referring to a big umbrella of a hat) The lady blushed and looked flustered, but her inquirer continued, "We are getting into warm weather, and I guess we'll need a hat like that." At length the English lady found her tongue. Much to the visitor's disappointment she faltered the reply that the hat had been obtained in London; but, as may be imagined, she said it in a tone which showed that such undue familiarity in a public conveyance was just a little resented.

The incident reminds me of some observations by Madame Yvette Guilbert, who has recently been touring in America, and has returned to Europe, as the American papers put it, "her note-book well filled with caustic criticism and her purse bulging with American dollars." The following is a sample of her criticisms:—"Mary Garden comes here, and her Press agent doesn't talk of her singing and acting, but writes a gross column about her twenty-five hats. You weigh Elizabeth instead of telling what a great tenor he is. A lady Press agent meets me at New York and calls me 'honey,' though I've never seen her before. It's so familiar, like the servants at home. Honey, indeed!"

And Madame Yvette's hands smoked the table angrily, says the reporter. And I daresay the lady in the Park car also felt like doing a little smoking when the American lady smiling, asked, "Where did you get that hat?"

Even the Chinese hawkers of drawn thread work and brass were adapted their vocabulary and their prices to the occasion last week when the American visitors were here. Several who had taken up positions indicated that the prices of their wares were two dollars gold, as the case might be, with a distinct nasal accent on the gold. Needless to say, the boom was responsible for the prices having gone up two and three hundred per cent.

The gentleman who promotes gymnastics in Hongkong may be interested to learn that an event at a recent Indian gymnastics was described in the following terms:—"Suffragette Stakes."—Gentlemen in top hats to mount horses, ride up to line opposite their lady partners, who are provided with brickbats (tomato balls). These they will throw at the top hats. First man whose hat is knocked off either by his own or anyone else's partner to win."

ROBERT RANBY.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Shaw, Thomas & Co., on Saturday morning, Mr. B. Shewan presided, and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, Dr. J. W. Noble and the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson (members of Consulting Committee), Messrs. T. F. Hough, E. T. Bunji, E. W. Terry, A. Babington, Fung Shu Wa, Long Lai Chuen, J. A. Young and J. Robertson (secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts for 1909 have been in your hands since 2nd instant, and you will have seen from them that although our profit on working is slightly larger than that for 1908, we have had to reduce the dividend to seventy-five cents per share on account of various special charges and losses which it is reasonable to suppose will not occur again. The first is a loss of \$18,146 on the Concrete Block and Pipe business. We went into this in the hope of filling a demand for concrete work in place of wood, which perishes so quickly out here from the effects of climate and the attacks of white ants, but although we undertook the work at prices which we knew would leave us no profit, concrete work has not become popular with builders and contractors, and therefore having given it a fair trial we have decided to undertake no further concrete work, although, of course, we are in a position to supply at any time concrete blocks and pipes against orders. We understand that a similar attempt to push concrete work at Shanghai has not been a success, although in Manila and the Philippines generally, concrete buildings are greatly in favour, and considering the many points in favour of concrete our American friends seem in this respect wiser in their generation than we in China. Then we had a claim for loss occasioned by the sparks from one of our engines setting fire to a contractor's materials, and as we were advised that we would under the special circumstances have no defence in the eye of the law, we compromised at once for about \$10,000. The third and last exceptional item is \$15,638, expenses incurred in obtaining the concession to quarry limestone near Haiphong, principally the salary and expenses of the special agent we sent down for the purpose and legal and other charges. We are now receiving steamer cargoes of this stone regularly, and although we still have the everlasting hills in China to reply on, and the supply there is quite unlimited, I need not enlarge to you upon the advantage of having two strings to our bow in the matter of raw material. In addition to these items, we are able to write off about \$18,000 more for Depreciation than we did the previous year, and until we get our overdraft at the Bank reduced we must continue to put aside as much as we can in this way. Interest paid, \$39,401, is a heavy charge, too, against our profits, but by reducing our debts we shall also reduce this figure and eliminate it altogether in time. Taking all this into consideration I think we are quite justified in anticipating that our next Profit and Loss Account will show a large balance for appropriation, as I see no reason to suppose that our sales will show any falling off—quite the contrary. Looking at the balance sheet you will notice that our expenditure under various headings on Capital Account was much less than before, and I am glad to say, is now at an end, as we do not contemplate any further additions to plant and machinery or buildings, which form a very complete and modern factory as they stand. So far this year we have spent nothing on Capital Account and hope to spend nothing. But all we have spent has been solely with a view to increased efficiency and economy in working costs, for it is a great deal gained if we can reduce the cost of manufacture by even only one cent a barrel, and I am glad to say that we have done much more than that.

The two principal items of expenditure were for a new packing house and godown and a new boiler and boiler house for the rotary kilns. If we had not had the first we should simply have had to stop working when our stocks of finished cement accumulated, and as for the latter it enables us to keep up steam on an inferior and cheap coal, whereas formerly it was all we could do to keep the factory running at full pressure on the best Australian coal. The other items were individually small, the largest being \$6,000 for a Hopper barge for removing refuse, ashes, etc., but by it alone we saved \$200 a month. The same remarks apply to the expenditure at Macao, which, however, was not heavy. Nearly all of it was spent on conveyors and crushers to reduce the cost of turning out dry clay and crushing clinker. As I said before, nothing was spent without a clear object of either increased efficiency or reduced cost in view, but we seem now to have done about all we can in these respects. You will also notice that the amounts against Sundry Creditors and Sundry Debtors were unusually large at the end of the year, but it merely happened to be so. Both items have since been reduced in the ordinary course, and today we owe Sundry Creditors only \$62,000, while Sundry Debtors owe us \$150,000. The overdraft at our Bankers is still large and will be increased by payment of the dividend, but after that we hope to see it steadily decrease. At Hok On we bought a small piece of ground, which was offering at a very low figure, and which will be useful to us, as it adjoins the factory, and we have also paid the balance of the purchase money of the property at Canton, title deeds for which are now in the hands of the British Consul. As to the future, and this year's business in particular, our prospects are quite good. Our make is a universal favourite

with engineers and continues to grow in favour with everyone who tries it. We have now a good market for it all over China, the Philippines and the Straits, and if we were ever pushed for more outlets we could, we know, find them still farther afield, but at present it seems that we have quite enough to do with the places I have named and our own local market, which have easily taken all we could turn out. For the moment our prospects are all that we could wish; we have sold to date more than we did this time last year, and we have just closed a contract for eighty thousand bags for the North. It is always dangerous to prophecy, so I shall only say that I shall be disagreeably surprised if we do not do at least a little better this year than last. I will now move that the report and accounts as presented to this meeting be adopted and passed, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. Hough—Gentlemen,—After reading the report and accounts and having heard what our Chairman has had to say about them, there is very little left for us to consider, except to tender a word of praise to the general managers on the way in which they have handled the affairs of the Company under exceptional difficulties. With these few remarks I propose to second the adoption of the report and accounts. No questions were asked, and the motion for the adoption of the report and accounts, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hough proposed the re-election of Sir Paul Chater, Dr. J. W. Noble and the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson to the Consulting Committee. Mr. TERRY seconded, and the motion was agreed to. Messrs. W. Hutton Potts, and A. O'D. Gourlin were reappointed auditors on the motion of Mr. TONG LAI CHUEN, seconded by Mr. FUNG SHU WA.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen; I am much obliged to you for your attendance, and for Mr. Hough's kind remarks. Dividend warrants are now ready.

GEORGE FENWICK & CO., LTD.

The twenty-first ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the Hongkong Hotel at noon on Saturday. Mr. G. R. Huxton presided, and others present being: Messrs. A. Roger and P. Tester (Directors), J. I. Andrew (General Manager), J. Forbes, J. D. Kinnaid and J. McCordquale.

The General Manager read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose with your permission to follow the usual custom and take them as read. I regret that we have once more to lay before you a report which shows a balance on the debit side. As, however, most of you are no doubt aware, the past year has been about the worst ever experienced in the history of this Colony, and perhaps of the whole world, so far as engineering and shipbuilding are concerned. However, we have been able to secure a fair share of the work offered, although at rates which allowed very small margins of profit, but it has only been by the exercise of the most rigid economy that we have avoided an even greater deficit than that shown in the statement now before you. I am glad to say that we have succeeded in securing a tenant for a small portion of our property at North Point, but regret that, although several tentative enquiries have been received for the purchase or lease of further portions, we have not so far been able to secure a definite offer. We still, therefore, continue to be heavily handicapped by Crown rent, taxes and interest on mortgage on this, which, as you will see, has again been met by a call on the Reserve Fund. Acting on the advice of our Valuator we have written some \$6,700 off the value of our stock of Materials and Plant, which deduction has also been met from the Reserve Fund. This reduction in the values has been rendered advisable by reason of the changes in the requirements of our business, which make it doubtful whether the old values of some of our stock could be realised and also to meet depreciation on such materials as suffer from climatic influences. Your property, launches and machinery have been maintained in an efficient state of repair, while working expenses have been reduced to a minimum. In view of the nature of the report now submitted for your consideration, the Directors have again decided to forego their fees. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions relating to the business of the meeting.

No questions were asked, and the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. KINNAID seconded, and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. FORBES, seconded by Mr. MCCORDQUALE, Mr. A. Roger was re-elected to the directorate.

It was proposed by Mr. KINNAID, seconded by Mr. MCCORDQUALE, and agreed, that Mr. H. Perry Smith should be reappointed auditor.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thanks for your attendance.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the National Bank of China, Ltd., was held at the offices of the Bank in Queen's Buildings on Saturday afternoon. Mr. C. Evans presided, and there were also present: Messrs. Ellis Kadoorie, E. D. Haskell, P. C. Potts, Sin Tak Fan, Lau Chin Pak, Pang Sin Hang, Lau Wing Chung, P. Davidson, E. E. Ellis, Cheung Luk Ping, Chan Ho Shang and P. Loureiro (Acting Manager).

The Acting Manager read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the subjoined resolutions, which were passed at a previous extraordinary meeting, should be confirmed as special resolutions:—

That Articles 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 122, 131, 132, 133, and 134 of the Articles of Association be struck out and cancelled.

That Articles 89, 93 and 154 of the Articles of Association be amended by striking out of Article 89 the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and last lines of such Article, and by striking out in Article 93 the word "and" and substituting the word "three" therefor, and by striking out in Article 154 the words "in London" and the words "or Committee" wherever they shall occur in such Article.

Mr. Potts seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

It was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. LAU CHU FAK, and agreed that the following resolution be adopted:—

That Article 154 of the Articles of Association be struck out and the following Article substituted therefor:—

The Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal, and the Seal shall never be used except in the presence of a Director or of some person appointed by a Managing Director or by the Director who shall sign every instrument to which the Seal is affixed, and every such instrument shall be countersigned by the Secretary or some other person appointed by a Managing Director or by the Directors.

This was all the business.

COMPANY REPORTS.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the board of directors for the half-year ending 31st December, 1909, is as follows:—

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The Profit and Loss Account, including the sum of \$19,272.49 brought forward from 30th June, 1909, shows a credit balance of \$72,877.01, which the directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—

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ERNEST OSBORNE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1910.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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To Crown rent 56.22

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LIABILITIES.

Capital:—

12,000 shares at \$50 each (fully paid up) \$600,000.00

8,000 shares at \$25 each paid up 200,000.00

..... 800,000.00

1500 mortgage debentures (6 per cent.) 750,000.00

Less 699 debentures held by the company 349,500.00

Reserve fund 470,500.00

Sundry creditors 648,975.73

Unclaimed dividends 53,734.74

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (current accounts) 215,890.02

Profit and Loss account balance as per statement 72,877.01

\$2,193,411.45

ASSETS.

Value of Marine Lot No. 5 and remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 3 and remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 7 and buildings thereon, as per last account \$1,094,815.49

Since expended on alterations and additions buildings 4,732.71

Praya reclamation, Marine Lot No. 238, as per last account and buildings thereon ("Hotel Mansions") 621,892.68

Rebuilding south block, payments on account to date 144,268.47

Cost of Three Chinese Houses on Sections B, C, and D of Inland Lot No. 30 33,000.00

Cost of Kowloon Farm Lot No. 3 Section A 50,926.90

1,929,636.25

Furniture and fixtures, as per last account 149,995.35

Less written off, as per report 5,000.00

Since added 144,995.35

4,838.57

149,833.92

Installation of electric light, as per last account 19,000.00

Less written off, as per last report 4,000.00

15,000.00

Repairs and renewals account as per statement 333.89

Stock of linen, crockery, glassware as per inventories 31,153.72

Stock of wines, provisions, household sundries, and stationery as per inventories 179,478.31

Shares in public companies 4,371.31

Value of steam launch, as per last account 4,500.00

Sundry debtors 36,669.52

License attaching to 190 2,408.34

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (unclaimed dividends account) 1,433.90

Cash in hand 155.82

\$2,193,411.45

PARIS LETTER.

[WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.]

February 11.

"CHANTELEUR."

Those who fully expected Parisians to go mad over the production of "Chanteleur" have been greatly disappointed. The new play has been too frequently postponed, and has lost much of its brilliancy. Though the play is a success, it failed to prove the triumph which so many people anticipated. On the occasion of the first night or *Première*, the name of the author was received with cheers, but no enthusiasm. Loud applause punctuated many of the poetic passages with which the piece glitters, and many of these are gems in M. Rostand's finest style. The production from the first was declared too long—a drawback which has since been partly remedied. The first night lasted close upon five hours, with only short intervals between the acts. The lighting effects are unmistakably the most beautiful one could wish to see anywhere. In the opinion of critics, what prevented the play from being the great triumph which was expected in M. Rostand's hands, acquired since the production of "Cyrano de Bergerac," of descending to bathes and laughing at himself after each beautiful poetic thought. "Chanteleur" is a Cyrano de Bergerac in feathers, but in this latest play of M. Rostand the poet has remembered himself too much to be great from the first to the third act. There are some splendid minutes, but some bad half-hours, while the piece is so essentially Parisian that the probability of its success elsewhere than on the Boulevard is doubtful. It is only fair to remark that the staging is superb. M. Guity is splendid as Chanteleur, and Mme. Simone good as the Phœnix, and the greatest success is undoubtedly that of M. Gallipaux as the Blackbird.

"Chanteleur" is not regarded as an epoch-making masterpiece by French critics, and this is saying much. It will do more for M. Rostand's reputation as a poet than as a dramatist. The Ode to the Sun recited by the Cook and the hymn "To-night" are regarded as perfect literary gems; as a fantasy "Chanteleur" is brilliant, but the piece has too little action to satisfy the playgoing public. M. Adrian Hebrand, editor of the *Temps*, expresses doubt whether the essentially French work would be understood in any other country. The verdict of most people is that "Chanteleur" though a beautiful clever production, is not as good as "Cyrano." The colossal sum of 700,000 francs has been spent on the play. The plot, briefly summarised, is as follows:—Chanteleur has tired of his wife, the hen, and dreams of other adventures, when a hen pheasant takes refuge in the yard and Chanteleur falls in love with her. He goes with her to the forest, and in the morning awakes to find the sun already risen. Chagrined to find the sun is able to rise without the assistance of his crowing, he commits suicide in despair. "Chanteleur"—conceived as long ago as 1902—

in the words of its author, "is the drama of human effort in the struggle with life, Chanteleur is man, passionately fond of his calling; a man full of deep faith in his work, and allowing nothing to stand in the way of it. He meets the hen pheasant, who is a woman, modern woman, emancipated, independent, domineering, jealous of man's work, who seeks to enslave him to her love only, and who in the end yields only because he has wearied and subdued her, and only perhaps with a secret hope of revenge.

"Chanteleur" which holds the record as the most-talked-of play before its birth, now threatens to establish a second record as the most discussed theatrical production of modern times. Although it is generally admitted that it has not realised the extravagant expectations formed regarding it—and for this some say it would be obviously unfair to blame M. Rostand—the play is admitted by all those who have seen it to be one of the most wonderful animal fantasies ever seen on the stage. Where the poet has apparently erred is in writing a play that appeals first and foremost to Parisians, and which ends by tiring even them. From the first act to the last "Chanteleur" is permeated with the atmosphere of the Boulevard. Rostand

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CURRENT CHARGES ON TELEGRAMS.

SENDERS OF TELEGRAMS are hereby notified that from the 1st APRIL, 1910, until further notice, the Current Charges for Telegrams will be collected at the rate of \$0.47 to equal 100.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1910. [435]

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

CURRENT CHARGES ON TELEGRAMS.

SENDERS OF TELEGRAMS are hereby notified that from the 1st APRIL, 1910, until further notice the Charges of Telegrams will be collected at the rate of Dollars 0.47 to equal 100.

OLAF NIELSEN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1910. [436]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERMAN, GULF, CONTINENTAL AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DEVANHA," Captain H. Powell, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from London for Bombay &c., on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, 1910, at Noon, taking passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "MONGOLIA," 9,605 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tees for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London. Other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the E.M.S. "MANTUA," due to London on the 13th May, 1910.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and values of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1910. [1]

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "AYMERIC."

From TACOMA, VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [8]

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"GATHAY," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to sale.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 26th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 30th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [6]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [369]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1910. [370]

ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE Installation of Wm. Bro. THOMAS FREDERICK HOUGH as District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China E.C. will take place at a SPECIAL MEETING of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE to be held at the MASONIC HALL, Zealand Street, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 24th March, 1910, at 6 p.m.

The Installation Ceremony will be performed by Right Wm. Bro. Sir C. PAUL CHATER, Kt., C.M.G., District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China E.C.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1910. [371]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club (1896 issue, \$100.00 each) was held in the Hongkong Club House, on FRIDAY, the 18th March, when the following Debentures were drawn for Redemption:

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| 14 | 580 | 850 | 1372 | 1715 |
| 15 | 587 | 897 | 1381 | 1825 |
| 16 | 593 | 918 | 1404 | 1843 |
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and will be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on THURSDAY, the 31st March, 1910, in Exchange for surrender of same.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1910. [424]

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, 2nd April, 1910, at 8 o'clock p.m. Devonians wishing to attend are requested to send their Names to—

M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [426]

WE have This Day authorised Mr. F. H. HOLYOAK to Sign our Firm for Procurement.

REISS & Co. Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [423]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MIN YUEN & Co., Ltd., is registered as a Company Limited by Shares, and that all Contracts for the Purchase and Sale of Cotton and Cotton Yarn must be signed by one of the two General Managers, Messrs. LI WAI TONG and TAM FAI TONG, otherwise such contracts will not be recognized.

MIN YUEN & Co., Ltd., Cotton and Cotton Yarn Dealers.

87, Jervois Street, Hongkong, 17th March, 1910. [416]

MR. D. MESSULAM, of the well-known Firm MESSULAM MENASSÉ & Co., Wholesale DIAMOND MERCHANTS, Antwerp, Vienna and Bombay, is at present in the Colony and staying at the Aston House.

He is an Expert in Diamonds and has brought with him a large Stock of this Precious Stone. Anyone wishing to purchase at a Minimum Cost should not lose the opportunity of making a call at Aston House—Room 43, between 11 and 12 in the forenoon and 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [425]

PABST EXTRACT.

THE best TONIC for keeping in perfect health in the Tropics.

It is a Liquid Food in predigested form containing all the tracing, soothing and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic. Highly recommended by the local medical profession in Cases of DEBILITY after MALARIA, from OVERWORK or other causes, ANEMIA, NERVOUSNESS or DYSPEPSIA. Samples on Application.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

AUCTIONS

E. & R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Hon. The CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (MONDAY),

the 21st MARCH, 1910, at 11 a.m., at The Central Police Station's Compound, A QUANTITY OF CLOTHING, OLD METALS, DRIED BEANS, WEIGHING MACHINES, UMBRELLAS, One GRAMOPHONE, &c., &c.

Also A Number of RIFLES and AMMUNITIONS, SHOT GUNS, REVOLVERS, &c., &c.

SUNDREY GOLD and SILVER JEWELRY. Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1910. [412]

SPECIAL SALE OF HIGH CLASS JEWELRY DIRECT FROM LONDON.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY),

the 22nd MARCH, 1910, at 2.30 p.m., at their 3rd Floor, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, SINGLE STONE DIAMOND RINGS, DIAMOND and RUBY, EMERALD, OPAL, TURQUOISE and SAPPHIRE RINGS, MARQUISE RINGS, GEMSET RINGS, GOLD and GOLD-FILLED BANGLES and BRACELETS, GENT'S SOLID GOLD and GOLD-FILLED WATCHES, THE PINS and ALBERTS, DIAMOND TIE PINS and STUDS, LEVER WATCHES, OPEN-FACE WATCHES, by Benson (cost \$25), 18-Carat GOLD WATCH by Dent (cost \$40), GOLD-FILLED REPEATER WATCHES, WALTHAM WATCHES, LADIES' GOLD and GOLD-FILLED LONG GUARDS, NECKLETS, BROOCHES, CHARMES, ORRLOGS, STOP WATCHES, NON-MAGNETIC COMBES, WATCHES, SILVER-BACKED COMBS, BRUSHES and MIRRORED LINKS and CASES, GOLD and GOLD-FILLED STUDES, GOLD and GOLD-FILLED SNEAKERS, BROOCHES, HAT PINS, SILVER BELTS, FIELD GLASSES, SILVER-MOUNTED SCENT BOTTLES, &c., &c.

AND A few Lots of B.P. NICKEL SILVER, All Quality TABLE PLATE and CUTLERY, &c., &c.

SUNDREY IRISH LINENS. NOW ON VIEW. Catalogues may be had on application. Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1910. [381]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. D. O'NEILL, Auctioneer, has by Order of the Mortgagee, sell the undermentioned Property by Public Auction, at his 3rd Floor, Duddell Street, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 29th March, 1910, at 3 p.m.

HOK UN LOTS Nos. 41, 42, 55, 57, 93 and 94, and HUNG HOM INLAND LOTS Nos. 81 and 86 (Nos. 109 and 119, Wuhu Street). Each Lot subject to a Reserved Price.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or to Mr. H. K. HOLMES, Solicitor, 54, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [429]

DAVID CORSE & SON'S MERCHANT NAVY, NANTY BOILED LONG FLAX, RELIANCE CROWN TARTANING, ARNHOLD, KARSBEG & CO Sole Agents.

TO LET.

DEBBINGTON, Peak Road, No. 8. SHORNLIFFE, Garden Road, 7. For Particulars apply to—

C. SCHROTER, King's Buildings, 111B, Cause of Carrels, Borneo & Co. Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [86]

TO LET.

BEAUTIFUL LARGE SINGLE and DOUBLE ROOM, without tiffin, with Private Bathroom; Electric Light throughout. \$75 per month.

Apply Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 15th March, 1910. [405]

TO LET—FURNISHED. FROM 27th APRIL FOR 10 MONTHS.

NO. 1, DES VOEUX VILLAS, The Peak. 6 ROOMS and use of Tennis Court. Apply—

C. H. GALE, P. W. Dept. Hongkong, 19th March, 1910. [427]

TO LET—MODERATE RENTS.

SEMI-EUROPEAN FLATS, Praya East, corner of Observation Place. The Trams stop at the door. Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [355]

TO LET.

FROM 15th MAY TILL 1st OCTOBER, A.C. STRATHALLAN, 31 ROBINSON ROAD, 6-ROOMED HOUSE; Furnished, Electric Light, Tennis Court. Apply to—

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [356]

TO LET.

NO. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. From 1st April next. Furnished or Unfurnished. Apply to—

ARRATON V. APGAR & Co., 14, Des Voeux Road, Central. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910. [363]

TO LET

TO LET—FURNISHED. "TIAN TALLON," 126A, BARNER ROAD. Rent \$225 per Month. Seen by appointment only. Apply to—

GODDARD & DOUGLAS, Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road. A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE. OFFICES TO LET, No. 2, Connaught Road, 3rd Floor.

NAPIER JOHNSTONES' **"SQUARE BOTTLE"** **WHISKY.**



BEWARE OF IMITATIONS
UNVARIED FOR
THE SAME TO-DAY AS IN 1745.
180 YEARS.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
 and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS. [46]

GRACA & CO.

27, DES VERTS ROAD.
 Dealers in
ASIATIC POSTAGE STAMPS AND
PICTORIAL POST CARDS.
 JUST Received a Selection of POSTAGE
 STAMP CATALOGUE FOR 1910.
 Picture and Painting Books, Novels, Postage
 Stamp Albums with Movable Leaf, Puzzle Post
 Cards, School and Shopping Bags, Dolls, Toys,
 Cigars, Cigarettes, &c., &c.
 Inspection Invited. [110]

HIGH-CLASS PROVISIONS.

THE WELCOME STORE,
 General Storekeepers,
 No. 81, DES VERTS ROAD, CENTRAL.

DEALERS in Canned Goods of every
 description, from the most famous
 European and American Manufacturers.
 Suppliers of all kinds of Provisions to
 Canteens, Clubs, Hotels, Steamers and Families.
 Prices charged exceedingly moderate, and
 orders executed at any time at short notice,
 with most careful attention and promptitude.
 Hongkong, 8th March, 1910. [378]

SINGON & CO.

IRON, STEEL, METAL AND HARD-
WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale
 and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and
 Foundry Coke Importers. General Store-
 keepers and Shipchandlers. Nos. 35 & 37, HING
 LOONG STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central
 Market) Telephone No. 515. [583]

NEW CARTRIDGES.

BY popular English Manufacturers. In
 all Boxes and Sizes.

SMOKELESS POWDERS and CHILLED
SHOTS. From No. 10 to SSSG. at \$6, \$7 and
 \$7.50 per 100. **SPORTING REQUISITES**
 and **AIR-GUNS** in Variety.

Inspection Invited.

WM. SCHMIDT & Co
 Hongkong, 26th October, 1906. [1314]

AUTOMATIC BROWNING **POCKET PISTOLS.**

CALIBRE 7.65 m.m.
With CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES
FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
SIEMSEN & Co.
 Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [38]

A LING & CO. 19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

FURNITURE and PHOTO GOODS
STORE.

Photographic Goods of every Description
 in Stock.

Developing and Printing Undertaken.
 Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [1327]



These tiny Capsules—superior
 to Copaiba, Cubebs, and Injec-
 tions—**CURE** the same dis-
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FORTY-EIGHT HOURS
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 Each Capsule bears the name.
PARIS, 8, rue Vivienne
 Sold by all Chemists.

THE DALAI LAMA OF TIBET.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

On the 25th ult. Lord Curzon of Kedleston asked the Secretary of State for India whether he could give any information to the House about the reported flight of the Dalai Lama of Tibet to India, or about recent affairs in Tibet; and whether he proposed to lay papers before Parliament. He pointed out that two years or more had elapsed since the last papers about Tibet had been placed before Parliament. Viscount Morley—I find it natural that the noble lord should put a question on this subject, because the incident is, no doubt, a most remarkable and interesting performance. The Dalai Lama left Peking on December 21st, 1908, and is reported to have arrived at Lhasa on December 25th, 1909. Very little is known of his movements between these two dates, but he appears to have spent two months at Nagahuka (eight or nine days' journey from Lhasa) before proceeding to the capital. It had been rumoured for some time that there was considerable friction between the Tibetan Government and the Chinese officials. This was said to be increased by the activity of Chao Erh Feng, former Viceroy of Szechuan, who had been appointed Amban in March, 1908, and with a Chinese army was slowly advancing in Eastern Tibet, where he had been for some months in the neighbourhood of Batang. No information at all has reached Calcutta how the crisis was precipitated. But about January 30 the British trade agent at Gyantse received a visit from a Tibetan official specially sent by the Dalai Lama, and this official stated to our agent that the Chinese army was at Chiamlo (about 400 miles from Lhasa) the Tibetan troops being unmasked half-a-day's march from it. Nothing more was heard until February 17. The British agent telegraphed that day that 40 Chinese mounted infantry had arrived at Lhasa on the 12th, that the rest of the Chinese army was close to the city, and that the Dalai Lama had fled the same night in the direction of India. He arrived at Dhari (accompanied by three Ministers, three *shangpas*, and about 100 men) on the 17th, after a flight with the Chinese at Chankam. He stayed at the British dak bungalow. He arrived at Yatung in the Chumbi Valley on the 20th, pursued by the Chinese, and left the next day for Gantog, whence he is expected to arrive at Darjeeling on the 27th. On receiving news of the Dalai Lama's flight the Government of India at once issued orders to the British Agents at Gyantse and Yatung, and to the Political Officer in Sikkim, to maintain an attitude of strict neutrality. This has been scrupulously observed. The only communication that has been received from the Lama since he quitted Lhasa is a message left by him with the Trade Agent at Yatung to the effect that he was proceeding to India to consult the British Government, to whom he looked for protection. He gave no indication of the cause of his flight except that the people of Lhasa had been greatly oppressed by the Chinese, mounted infantry having arrived and fired on the Tibetans, killing and wounding some of them. He thanked the British Government for the courtesy with which he had been treated. About ten days ago a Tibetan deputation waited at Calcutta, and a similar deputation waited on the British Minister at Peking on the 21st inst. Both of these parties had left Tibet before the crisis, however it arose, became acute, and came to Calcutta and Peking for the purpose of notifying the Dalai Lama's return to Lhasa, and representing the trouble the Tibetans were in. Upon arrival at Darjeeling the Dalai Lama will be invited to occupy Hastings House at Calcutta until other arrangements can be made. Strict neutrality will continue to be observed; but he will be received with the courtesy and respect due to a ruler of high spiritual authority, who is an object of veneration to many millions of his Majesty's Indian subjects. His Majesty's Government are in communication with the Chinese Government with regard to the unexpected situation which has thus been created. They have no information which could with advantage be laid before Parliament. The noble lord asks for papers. My impression is that there are no papers really worth producing, or which it would be advantageous to produce at the moment.

The Marquis of Lansdowne—Are there no papers throwing any light on the situation at Lhasa? I gather from the statement of the noble viscount that Lhasa has been virtually occupied by a Chinese force, with the result that this light official whom he properly describes as being an object of veneration to many millions of his Majesty's subjects, has been forced to flee. I should have thought that there would have been some information available as to that fact, and whether Lhasa has been occupied by a Chinese force.

Viscount Morley—I think it would be premature to say that the Dalai Lama has been forcibly expelled. Of course, the most meagre and curt statements have been supplied to us, and all that they say is that he has fled. The exact and precise reasons why he fled we do not know, nor do we know when the Chinese marched into Lhasa and assailed the Tibetan forces. I do not mean papers about the transactions which have culminated in the incident which the noble viscount has described. I mean papers carrying forward the history of the policy of the Government towards Tibet from the date when the last papers were laid before Parliament. As far as I remember, this was done just before we had the debate on the Anglo-Russian Convention two years ago, and since then the Government have been pursuing a policy towards Tibet about which we know very little, but which will most likely come under the attention of Parliament. It will help us materially if we had all the papers on that aspect of the subject.

Viscount Morley—I understood that the noble lord did not refer to this new incident, but that he wanted all the papers since the present Government took office.

Lord Curzon of Kedleston—Yes, if we can.

Viscount Morley—I will look into that subject.

The subject then dropped.

CHINA'S PREPARATIONS FOR A GREAT CAMPAIGN.

One of Renter's representatives in London had an interview with Mr. W. N. Ferguson, a Scottish Canadian (connected with the British

and Foreign Bible Society), who supplied the Agency with the important information regarding the situation on the Sino-Tibetan frontier. Although there are many Europeans at Chenta, the capital of Szechuan, which is Mr. Ferguson's headquarters, there are not more than at the most five or six who have travelled, as he has done, in the region between the city and the Tibetan frontier and are in close touch with the people. Mr. Ferguson said—

"I have just come from Chenta, where I have lived for the past eight years, and have on many occasions visited the arsenals in that city. Chenta has had an arsenal for over thirty years, the machinery of which for a long period was driven by a 150-h.p. Birmingham engine."

"In 1895 and 1896 a mint was established by an American firm, and a small high speed 125-h.p. engine was set up in a new building erected for the coining of silver dollars. In 1901 a large 460-h.p. engine was installed, and altogether some 5,000 men and boys are employed."

"In 1905 the building of a new arsenal was begun outside the city, covering twenty acres. The shops are large and well built, and in them for the past three years a German firm has been its representative, busily installing massive machinery. When I left in November the new arsenal was already working, and it was stated on good authority that between four and five thousand men will be employed there by the end of the year."

POWDER FACTORY.

"Five miles from the new arsenal a large powder factory has also been erected, in which a German has been employed for quite two years teaching the manufacture of smokeless gunpowder. This German, whom I know personally, only left Chenta in October last. An explosion took place owing to a Chinese workman carelessly throwing a lighted cigar end on the floor. Part of the building was blown up, but fortunately few people were about."

"The German instructor was not hurt, but he refused to stay longer in the employ of the Chinese unless he were given full control of the powder factory. This the Chinese refused, so he was paid his salary in full for his five years' contract, three years of which had still to run."

"In July, 1908, when Chao, the Chinese Commander-in-Chief on the frontier, started for the front, his force consisted of some 8,000 men, most of these being sent on in advance and stationed along the road between Dachieli and Batang. This was fifteen months before I left."

"Since then I have continuously seen troops marching towards Dachieli, which is the Chinese base of operations. I have never been out on the main road without meeting large caravans with supplies, ammunition, &c., accompanied by considerable forces of troops, all going to join the army operating on the frontier."

"In October last Chang, the second in command—whom I knew intimately and who lived next door to me—left with a further force of 5,000 men and fourteen mountain guns to join the commander-in-chief. For at least two weeks before I left there was a constant stream of troops marching past my house."

ARMY.

"It was no secret that a total of 25,000 men was to be sent up, and also that the whole military force of Szechuan had been placed at Chao's disposal. At the very least 15,000 men had left Chenta for Tibet before November last."

"From the Chinese bases to Lhasa is about three months' journey. I do not suppose that anything like 15,000 would go to Lhasa, as the route had to be kept open and guarded against the clans."

"We next come to the question of wireless telegraphy, which we are now told, does not exist in China. Some two years ago a wireless installation was made at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai. The Chinese strenuously opposed the use of this foreign innovation, but the Government purchased the plant in May or June, 1908."

"At the same time the Government created a monopoly for the use of all wireless in the empire. In October last the Szechuan Government was making arrangements to establish wireless between Chenta and Lhasa, owing to the fact that the existing telegraph line was being constantly cut and the poles used for firewood by the Tibetans."

THE ANTI-OPUM MOVEMENT.

DISTURBANCE NEAR WENCHOW.

Our Wenchow correspondent informs us that in consequence of the rigid enforcement of the Imperial anti-opium edict at Jui An, a collision between the anti-opium forces and the opium traders took place last week which resulted in bloodshed, four soldiers sustaining serious injuries, one of which, it is feared, will terminate fatally. There were also many casualties among the rioters.

It appears that notwithstanding a number of warnings and proclamations issued from the yamen of the District Magistrate, the farmers persisted in placing a large area under poppy cultivation, and matters came to a crisis last week when the District Magistrate, with a company of soldiers, appeared upon the scene and proceeded to pull the poppy plants up by the roots and otherwise destroy the crop. A large number of farmers, estimated at 2,000, quickly gathered to oppose these drastic proceedings, with the results above stated. Matters had not regained their normal state when on Saturday last the District Magistrate arrived at Wenchow Fu to confer with his superiors regarding the despatch of a larger force of soldiers. Jui An (Jui An) is a town about 30 miles south-west of Wenchow Fu.

The warship Chao Ho arrived at Wenchow Fu with 300 troops at 8 a.m. on the 9th inst. The troops disembarked and proceeded to Jui An to quell the disturbance and also to thoroughly uproot the remainder of the poppy crop. More rioting is expected and people are leaving the affected district.—Shanghai Times.

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NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before NOON, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 21st inst., at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, 14th March, 1910. [2]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO', HULL, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENSTRAE,"

Capt. J. McGilivray, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 14th March, 1910. [402]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO', HULL, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG,"

Captain Hartnell, having arrived from the above Ports, bringing forward Cargo transferred from s.s. "Glenesk," Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

"Glenesk" Bills of Lading must be presented to obtain delivery.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless intimation is given to the contrary before TO-DAY.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

No claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**
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ANNU, British str., 1,325, J. B. Harris, 20th March—Shanghai 17th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.

AUSTRIA, Austrian str., 4,830, C. S. Balch, 18th March—Trieste 27th Jan., General—Sander, Weller & Co.

AMERICA, British str., 2,789, J. Boyd, 18th March—Papez Sound 15th March, General—Dodwell & Co.

CATHAY, Danish str., 2,643, Kruse, 19th March—Singapore 11th March, General—Melchers & Co.

CHONGSHING, Brit. str., 20th March—Canton.

CHITVEN, Chinese str., 1,171, C. Stewart, 19th March—Shanghai 15th March, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

COMPTON, British str., 2,216, W. W. Moham, 18th March—Mauritius 21st Feb., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DAGNY, Norwegian str., 883, Solvesen, 19th March—Kwang Yen 16th March, Cement—Stone—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

DEVANORA, Ger. str., 1,057, F. Rehvaldt, 20th March—Bangkok 11th March, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

FRITZNER, Norwegian str., 891, O. Andersen, 18th March—Halifax 13th and 16th March, Rice and General—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

HAIYANG, British str., 1,362, Hodgins, 20th March—Coast Ports 19th March, General—Douglas, Lippa & Co.

HELEN, German str., 771, J. Jensen, 20th March—Sunderland 19th March, General—Jensen & Co.

HONGKONG, British str., 20th March—Canton.

JACOB DRENNING, German str., 630, A. Hansen, 19th March—Hohov 18th March, General—Jensen & Co.

KANSU, British str., 20th March—Canton.

KIANG PING, Chinese str., 1,222, H. Udden, 19th March—Chinkiang 14th March, General—Chiu.

KWEIYANG, British str., 19th March—Canton.

LINAN, British str., 19th March—Canton.

LINGATON, British str., 2,347, C. S. Jackson, 19th March—New York via Port Natal 27th Dec, Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.

MATHILDE, German str., 131, G. Falven, 18th March—Hohov 16th March, Coal and Pigs—Jensen & Co.

MEERPO, Chinese str., 20th March—Canton.

PROTEUS, British str., 5,108, D. P. Campbell, 19th March—Liverpool via Ports, 5th Feb, General—Butterfield & Swire.

RIOJUN MARU, Japanese str., 2,980, Tsumura, 19th March—Mitsui, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

TURKISH MARU, Japanese str., 2,995, U. 20th March—Mitsui 14th March, Coal.

SEIB, Norwegian str., 20th March—Canton.

SUBANG, British str., 1,778, W. D. Walsh, 20th March—Chingwan 15th March, Coal—Chinese Engineering & Co.

TELMACHUS, British str., 1,340, Edwards, 19th March—Sunderland 15th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.

YERMO MARU, Japanese str., 2,350, 20th March—Mitsui 14th March, Coal—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

DEPARTURES.

19th March.

ARRATON APCAR, British str., for Shanghai.

CHONGSHING, British str., for Canton.

CLAN, British str., for Karatu.

CLEVELAND, German str., for Manila.

HUGHOWN, British str., for Canton.

HORST, British str., for Europe, & C.

MACDONALD, American str., for Shanghai.

PHUMPHEN, British str., for Saigon.

RURI, British str., for Manila.

STENTON, British str., for Liverpool.

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20th March.

DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.

GERMANIA, German str., for Amoy.

HALVARD, Norwegian str., for Hobe.

TOHANG, British str., for Swatow.

LINAN, British str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Lincoln* reports: Fine weather throughout voyage.

The British str. *Hayang* reports: Light N.E. breeze, overcast and hazy.

The British str. *Agnes* reports: Fine weather with moderate to strong winds and at times high sea.

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March 19th.

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| LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP | FLINSHIRE... | Brit. str. | — | G. C. Cundy... | J. A. B. Matheson & Co., Ltd. | About 1st April. |
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| LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP | GLAMORGANSHIRE... | Brit. str. | — | H. C. Norris... | J. A. B. Matheson & Co., Ltd. | About 21st April. |
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| HAYRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | KANAGAWA MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE | On 24th inst. |
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| MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | ATKENS... | Frenc. str. | — | — | HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE | On 27th inst. |
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| MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | SPERZA... | Ger. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 30th inst., at D'light |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c. | MIYAZAKI MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE | On 3rd April. |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c. | KITANO MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 13th April, at D'light |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c. | PRINCESS ALICE... | Ger. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 27th April, at D'light |
| TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c. | NIPPON... | Aus. str. | — | — | MELCHERS & Co. | On 23rd inst., at Noon. |
| NEW YORK | SIXH... | Brit. str. | — | — | SANDER, WELER & Co. | On 26th inst., F.M. |
| NEW YORK | INVERIO... | Am. str. | — | — | DODWELL & Co., Ltd. | On 29th inst. |
| NEW YORK & BOSTON | DAORE CASTLE... | Brit. str. | — | — | ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. | On 26th April. |
| SAN FRANCISCO | STRATHSPEY... | Am. str. | — | — | DODWELL & Co., Ltd. | On 12th April. |
| VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE VIA JAPAN | ATKENS... | Brit. str. | — | — | SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. | On 2nd April. |
| VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c. | EMPEROR OF JAPAN... | Brit. str. | — | — | DODWELL & Co., Ltd. | On 7th April. |
| VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c. | MONTEAGLE... | Brit. str. | — | — | CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co. | On 26th inst., at 7 A.M. |
| VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c. | AWA MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co. | On 24th May, at Noon. |
| VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c. | INABA MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 25th inst., at Noon. |
| TACOMA VIA JAPAN | TACOMA MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 26th inst., at Noon. |
| CALLAO IQUIQUE, &c. via JAPAN PORTS, &c. | BUYO MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA | On 23rd inst., at Noon. |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | CHANGSHA... | Brit. str. | — | — | TOYO KISEN KAISHA | On 27th April, at Noon. |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | PRINZ SIGISMUND... | Ger. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 4 P.M. |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | YAWATA MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | MELCHERS & Co. | On 25th inst., at D'light |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | NIKKO MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 15th April, at Noon. |
| YOKOHAMA AND KOBE | COBLERZ... | Ger. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 13th May, at Noon. |
| YOKOHAMA AND KOBE | NIKKO MARU... | Brit. str. | — | — | MELCHERS & Co. | About 2nd April. |
| NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | NIKKO MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | To-day, at 4 P.M. |
| NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | YAKASA MARU... | Dut. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 13th April, at Noon. |
| NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | TULJATAP... | Dut. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 25th inst., at Noon. |
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| SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW | HUIJUN MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | MELCHERS & Co. | On 31st inst., at 8 A.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | ANETI... | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 24th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | SARDINIA... | Brit. str. | — | — | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About 25th inst. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | ALBIA... | Ger. str. | — | — | HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE | On 25th inst. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | CHINIVA... | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 27th inst., at D'light |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | OKANIV... | Frenc. str. | — | — | MESSAGERIES MARITIMES | On 28th inst., F.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | CEYLON MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 31st inst., at 4 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | CHENAN... | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | About 31st inst. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | ASSAYE... | Brit. str. | — | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | On 1st April, at Noon. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | FOOKANG... | Brit. str. | — | — | HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE | On 8th April. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | ANDALUSIA... | Ger. str. | — | — | MELCHERS & Co. | Middle of April. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | TRANQUERAR... | Dut. str. | — | — | OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA | On 10th inst., at 10 A.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | TULIWONG... | Dut. str. | — | — | DOUGLAS LIPPA & Co. | To-morrow, at 10 A.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | SOSHU MARU... | Jap. str. | — | — | DOUGLAS LIPPA & Co. | On 25th inst., at 10 A.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | HAIYANG... | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 4 P.M. |
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| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | TAMING... | Brit. str. | — | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. | On 25th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | YUNKANG... | Brit. str. | — | — | SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. | On 26th inst., at Noon. |
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